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***GOVERNOR DELIVERS TESTIMONY TO SENATE SPECIAL  
COMMITTEE ON AGING  
Arizona Medicaid System An Example for National Program***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today participated in a Medicaid Panel with the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Special Committee on Aging to discuss the success of Arizona's version of Medicaid, the federal-government's health care program for low income and disabled individuals. Governor Napolitano, via video conferencing, explained how the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) works, and how such a program implemented nationally could keep Medicaid costs down while maintaining quality care.

Chairman and CEO of General Motors, Rick Wagoner, also delivered testimony to the Special Committee.

"Being able to deliver this testimony is more proof that Arizona is on the right track," Governor Napolitano said. "I firmly believe that what has been successful for Arizona can be successful for the nation. I'm glad that the Senate is taking an active role in coming to a workable solution for the problems with Medicaid."

This morning's testimonies were not broadcast, however, an mp3 of the panel hearing will be available.

A copy of the complete testimony submitted for the record is attached in PDF format.